within easy reach of about 45 per cent of the population of the State. Against the target of 50,000 consumers proposed under the First Five Year Plan, 46,000 consumers have already been connected up and before the close of the financial year the target under this also will be exceeded.

Besides the incomplete schemes to be carried over to the next year, the investigation of the preliminary works connected with the Pamba Hydro-Electric Project and investigation of other power projects are also programmed for next year. Rural electrification programme envisages the opening of 226 new centres, connecting up more than 15,000 consumers and installing 7,000 street lights in the next financial year. A provision of Rs. 345.00 lakhs has been made for works expenditure under "81-A-Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes" for the next year against a financial target of Rs. 2,300 lakhs for the quinquennium of the Second Plan period.

During the first plan, the installed capacity is being increased from 28,500 K. W. to 109,500 K. W. An additional installed capacity of 137,000 K. W. is fixed as the physical target for the Second Five Year Plan period. It is expected that when these schemes are implemented fully the *per capita* consumption which was 14 units in 1952 would rise to 100 units in 1960-61.

EDUCATION.

15. Of all departments, Education continues to place the heaviest draft on the State Exchequer. The expenditure on Education for the ensuing year is estimated at Rs. 711.40 lakhs which exceeds that of the current year by Rs. 162.76 lakhs. One of the main reasons for this vast increase in expenditure is the revision of the pay of teachers, both in the Government and private institutions.

The Department proposes to undertake a wide and varied programme of new activities in the ensuing year. The most prominent among them are: introduction of M. A. courses in English and Malayalam in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam; introduction of Science degree courses in the Government College, Chittur; starting of a Malayalam Akademi; organisation of Youth Camps and Labour Service; the starting of a Public School in the hills; provision of a hostel and play ground for the Physical Education College, Trivandrum; the starting of a State Central Library; the establishment of a Central

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Technical Institute and Junior Technical Schools; introduction of crafts in Middle Schools; and conversion of 33 High Schools into Higher Secondary Schools with multi-purpose courses. Liberal provision has also been made for other items such as renovation of school buildings and furniture, construction of additional buildings and expansion of Basic Education. An allotment of Rs. 5.5 lakhs has also been made for the provision of additional accommodation for the S. S. T. Academy, Trivandrum and additional hostel facilities in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, Government College, Chittur and the Training College, Trichur. Provision has also been made for the payment of a grant of Rs. 29.10 lakhs to the University of Travancore which exceeds that of the current year by Rs. 1.81 lakhs.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

16. The State has a predominently Agricultural economy. But it is obvious that agriculture alone cannot support its vast population and provide full employment for all. It is therefore absolutely necessary to concentrate on the rapid industrialisation of the State.

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Our approach to the problem can be divided into four broad divisions, *viz.*, encouragement of Khadi and handloom industries by payment of subsidies and remission of taxes; the development of small industries by education, training, payment of grants and providing marketing facilities; the fostering of big industries by share participation and provision for credit facilities; and the direct management of selected industries wherever circumstances warrant Government intervention. The liberal loans and grants paid to weavers' Co-operative societies, the rebates paid on the sale of handloom cloth and the exemption of handloom products from sales tax have given a fillip to this major industry which provides employment to a large number of workmen. The coming year's budget makes a provision of Rs. 15.68 lakhs for encouragement of khadi industry, Rs. 21.95 lakhs for village industries, Rs. 8 lakhs for starting a spinning mill, Rs. 10.40 lakhs for encouragement of handloom industry, Rs. 3.68 lakhs for starting 60 small scale industries, Rs. 2.32 lakhs for exhibitions and opening Sales Emporia, Rs. 1.86 lakhs for development of palm gur industry, Rs. 30 lakhs for investment of shares in Commercial concerns and Rs. 20 lakhs for payment of loans to Government sponsored industrial concerns,

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